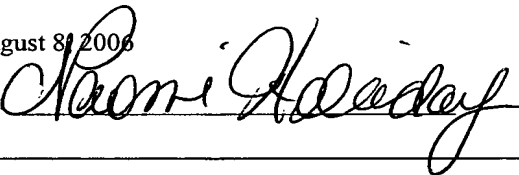
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<p>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)</p>			<p>Docket Number: 1662/62802</p>
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- Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Actions mailed June 7, 2005, and March 8, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.
- The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the accompanying Amendment as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA	RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)
TOTAL CLAIMS	10	minus	53	0	50.00	0
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3. It is believed that no additional claim fees are due.
4. Applicants hereby request a **four-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of March 8, 2006, which set a one-month period for response. Please charge the **\$1,590.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.
6. A copy of this form is enclosed for charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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